

Application No. 10/715,813
Docket No. 2002U019.US
Reply to Office Action Dated 03/15/2005

Remarks

Restriction Requirement

Claims 9 and 16-21 are withdrawn as drawn to a non-elected species. Upon a finding of allowable subject matter, the Applicant requests that these claims be considered by the Examiner.

Section 112, second paragraph, Rejection

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph two, for lacking antecedent basis to the claim to which it depends.

Claim 1 is amended to include the phrase --having a bed of polymer,--. This feature is not new matter, and is apparent from the specification (e.g., paragraphs [0018] to [0029] and the working examples) as filed and those skilled in the olefin polymerization arts.

Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Section 102/103 Rejection

Claims 1-4 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over *Muhle et al.* (US 5,672,666). Also, Claims 5-8 and 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over *Muhle et al.* (US 5,672,666) alone or with *Agapiou* (US 6,245,868). The Applicant traverses these rejections.

Applicant contends that Muhle does not disclose the features of Applicants claim 1. However, in order to expedite the allowance of subject matter, the Applicant amends Claim 1 to incorporate the features of Claim 14. Claim 14 is cancelled without prejudice. Claim 14 was deemed allowable, and thus, it is believed that Claim 1 as amended is now allowable.

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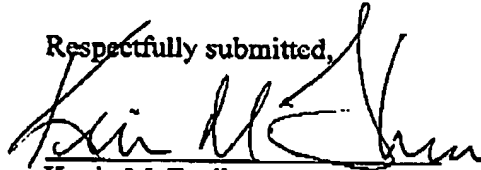
Applicant requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

It is submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

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